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SUBJECT: CANDIDATES CHOSEN FOR TOP GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN SLOVENIA

1. LJUBLJANA DAILY "DELO" REPORTS JANUARY 11, THAT CANDIDATES FOR TOP REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN THIS SPRING'S ELECTIONS IN SLOVENIA HAVE BEEN CHOSEN. ACCORDING TO DELO, NAMES OF CANDIDATES, PROPOSED BY PRESIDUM OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF SLOVENIA (LCS), WERE PRESENTED AT A MEETING OF PRESIDENCY OF THE SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF WORKING PEOPLE OF SLOVENIA ON JANUARY 10. THE LCS PRESIDUM PROPOSED THAT SERGEJ KRAIGHER CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENCY; THAT MILAN KUCAN, CURRENTLY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE SLOVENIAN SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, SUCCEED MARJAN BERCELJ AS PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVENIAN ASSEMBLY; AND THAT ANTON VRATUSA, CURRENTLY A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, REPLACE ANDREJ MARINC AS PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVENIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. THE LCS PRESIDUM PROPOSED THAT BRECELJ, WHO DID NOT WANT TO BE A CANDIDATE AGAIN FOR ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT, BECOME A MEMBER OF THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENCY. MARINC, WHO HAS ALREADY SERVED THE LIMIT OF TWO TERMS AS PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVENIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, IS BEING PROPOSED TO BECOME A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL

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2. COMMENT. THE SLOVENIAN LEADERSHIP CHANGES ARE THE FIRST TO BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED DURING THE PRE-ELECTION AND PRE-PARTY CONGRESS PERIOD. WITH KRAIGHER REMAINING IN HIS POST AND MARINC AND VRATUSA EXCHANGING JOBS, THE ACCENT WOULD APPEAR TO BE ON CONTINUITY. KAISER

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